# MINUTES CITY OF PLEASANTON COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT March 27, 2013

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and Environment was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Steve Motzko, Robert Jayson, Brett Illers, and Howard Royer

Absent: Sophia Holbrook, Thomas Kato

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None** 

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None** 

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Opening remarks by co-chair, Howard Royer (none).

- 2. The February 27, 2013 meeting minutes were approved with the following changes: correct spelling of Motzko throughout minutes. Motion by Motzko, seconded by Illers. All were in favor.
- 3. Committee's final recommendation for committee renewal and meeting frequency. After discussion, the committee recommended changing the meeting frequency to every other month, with subcommittee meetings to occur on the alternate months if needed. Furthermore, the committee has the option to add meetings as appropriate to accomplish additional tasks as required.

These recommendations will be included with the staff report to renew the committee's term. The only significant changes were (1) allow up to two youth members to serve on the committee, without increasing the size of the committee, and (2) the committee withdrew its original recommendation to change the committee to a commission.

Motion by Royer, seconded by Jayson. All in favor. Royer provided written recommendations, and the committee provided additional clarification.

4. Discussion: CAP Implementation and Water Use/Reuse.

The committee asked staff to prepare a presentation on the department's goals and specific task recommendations for the committee. The committee also discussed potential options for expanding or implementing new energy and water conservation programs and asked staff to present an update on the results of the city's rebate programs. Smith reminded the committee that elections for committee chair and cochair are scheduled for next month, as next month Kato and Royer will term out of their positions.

#### Outreach update.

Ryan provided an update on the CYES program and current recruiting efforts; only four "driving" positions remain for this year's summer program. The committee recommended expanding CYES services, but Ryan commented that CYES is funded by PG&E and EBEW, and those entities proscribe the allowable measures for all CYES teams. We can certainly make recommendations, but they will have to approve changes to the program.

Ryan also discussed her conversations with representatives from the Pay As You Save (PAYS) program, which is looking for two cities in Alameda County to participate in a PAYS pilot program. The PAYS folks are reaching out to potential utilities in preparation for a regional meeting that will take place in Oakland. The committee asked if we could invite the PAYS representatives to a committee meeting to describe the program in more detail. Ryan will contact the representatives to see if that is an option.

#### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Motzko indicated that he would like to continue participating in the East Side Pleasanton meetings in order to represent the committee and bring back information on the ESP's progress. At the last ESP meeting, the group presented three options of high vs. mid vs. low density housing, street alignment and how they impact the overall plan. Zone 7 Water Agency discussed issues related to the extension of El Charro Road, and space limitations in regard to building facilities close to the road, such as parks, buildings, and pedestrian areas. Although discussions are continuing with regard to where El Charro Road would connect, there have been no discussions about costs. Motzko also indicated that the group has not addressed important infrastructure and water issues to date. Smith offered to attend and present this information. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

Smith attended a water reuse conference that was also attended by all pertinent regulators. There is a huge effort underway in California by the legislature to implement direct potable water reuse by 2016. January and March were the driest months on record – ever, yet many still dispute that water shortages are a reality – despite facts to the contrary. Pleasanton may have mandatory restrictions this year due to water shortages. The City of Monterey is paying \$6,500 per acre foot of potable water, and the City of Pleasanton pays \$1,200 per acre foot. Pleasanton has the cheapest water in the bay area.

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None.

# REPORTS ON CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. Motion by Motzko, seconded by Illers. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Ryan